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CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN CUBA

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(TEXT) THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN CUBA HAS SENT A NOTE TO RADIO RELOJ NACIONAL'S NEWSROOM IN WHICH IT POINTS OUT THAT ON THE NIGHT OF 20-21 AUGUST, TROOPS OF THE SOVIET UNION, GDR, POLAND, HUNGARY, AND BULGARIA INVADED CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY AND AFTER A SHORT TIME, OCCUPIED IT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

THE NOTE ADDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECLARIES THAT NEITHER IT NOR ANY OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL BODY IN THE NATION HAS EVER AGREED TO THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY. IT ADDS THAT THE VIOLENT OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS CONTRARY TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE WARSAW PACT, AND TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

CONCLUDING, THE NOTE SAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY UNLESS AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE OCCUPATION TAKES PLACE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN CUBA ALSO SENT A NOTE TO OUR NEWSROOM WHICH CONTAINS THE DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDIUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE DOCUMENT DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS -- ABOVE ALL, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC LUDVIK SVOBODA, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXANDER SIBCEK, AND OTHERS.

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